Jane Austen’s Web Quest

Objective: Learn more about the author of Jane Austen and about her novels that she wrote through exploring websites and answering questions.

Overall Directions: Follow each set of individual directions of how to get to the part to answer the questions.



Directions: Once at the website http://www.janeausten.org, scroll down and click on “Life Timeline.”

1. Where was Jane Austen born?
2. Who tried to have Jane Austen published? Explain the whole situation.
3. In 1801, who decided to move the family?
4. Who died on Jane Austen’s twenty-ninth birthday?
5. Who died a little over a month later on January 21?
6. Do you think her father’s death had an impact on her and why?

Directions: Please go to http://www.jasna.org. On the left side of the screen, click on “Jane Austen” and then click on “Jane Austen’s Works.”

1. What six novels captivate readers today?
2. What was the original name of *Sense and Sensibility* and when was it written?
3. When was Sense and Sensibility accepted for publication?
4. What book was originally named *First Impressions*?
5. What novel did Jane not finish?
6. What year was *Mansfield Park* published and *Emma* began?

Directions: Please go to http://www.jasa.net.au/jabiog.htm.

1. What was one of Jane Austen’s favorite activities, which often times showed up in her novels?
2. How did Jane Austen feel about moving from Hampshire to Bath?
3. Was Jane Austen ever engaged, if so, to whom, and when was the wedding?
4. Where did Jane Austen move in July of 1809 and why?
5. Did Jane accomplish a lot at this home and why?
6. What disease had Jane contracted and did it kill her? When and where?

Directions: Please go to http://www.austen.com/novels.htm. Then answer the questions.

1. When was Jane Austen’s first major novel written and which one? Was this her first published novel then?
2. What was Jane Austen’s first novel to be published then?
3. When did *Mansfield Park* be released into the public? What was the main theme throughout the novel?
4. Who was *Emma* dedicated to and why was it dedicated?

Now click on “A Biographical Notice of the Author.”

1. Who wrote this about Jane Austen?
2. What was the only thing Jane Austen wanted at the end of her life?

Directions: Please go to http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic\_figures/austen\_ jane.shtml.

1. What classes did Jane Austen’s book focus on?
2. What are Jane Austen novels known for?
3. When was Jane Austen born?
4. How big was Jane Austen’s family?
5. What did Jane Austen refer to *Pride and Prejudice* as?
6. What was Jane Austen’s published name?

Directions: Please go to http://www.janeaustensoci.freeuk.com/index.htm. On the left side of the screen, click on “Biography”.

1. The trips to where (two places) gave way to the settings of the last two books?
2. What gave background information for *Persuasion*?
3. Why did Jane Austen move with her family to Winchester?
4. Where was Jane Austen buried?
5. Had Jane Austen’s work even been out of print? If not, why not?
6. Who made a portrait of Jane Austen in 1810?

Directions: Please go to http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/masterpiece/austen/austen.html.

1. What was Jane Austen’s father profession?
2. Who destroyed much of Jane Austen’s letters after her death?
3. What lead to a much better education than what most other females would have got during Jane Austen’s time?
4. Did Jane Austen’s family anticipate her to be a published writer?
5. When did Jane Austen begin write?
6. Do we know much about Jane Austen’s love life and how she felt about life in general?

Directions: Please go to http://www.victorianweb.org/previctorian/austen/austenov.html. Click on “Biography”, then “Biography” again.

1. How did Jane Austen’s father supplement his income?
2. What happened with Jane Austen’s most serious relationship?
3. How long before she died, did Addison Disease affect her?

Now go back one page and click on the second bullet, “Chronology.”

1. Two novels were published after her death, which one and in what years?
2. Where did the family move in 1806? Why?

Now go back to the home page and click on “Religion”, and then on the first bullet, “Jane Austen and Religion”.

1. Would you say religion played a part in Jane Austen’s novels?